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TAGS: TSPA, US

SUBJECT: RETURN OF USN CAMERA EQUIPMENT

REF: MUSCAT 009

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE BUREAUCRATIC DELAY, OMAN POLICE TURNED OVER USN CAMERA TO EMBASSY FEB. 11. IT WILL BE FORWARDED AS PER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF NAVMISCEN PT MUGU DTG 092252Z JAN 75.

2. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY HAD NOT ARISEN, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE SUGGESTED, AT TIME OF TURNOVER, THAT "REWARD" WOULD BE IN ORDER FOR FISHERMAN WHO ALLEGEDLY FOUND EQUIPMENT AND DELIVERED IT AT SZIME PERSONAL SACRIFICE TO POLICE POST. HE FURTHER THOUGHT THAT SUITABLE "REWARD" WOULD BE ABOUT 100 OMANI RIALS (I.E. APPROXIMATELY \$290 U.S.). FINALLY, AND IN PRESENCE OF HIS BRITISH ASSISTANT, HE HINTED THAT POLICE ALSO MIGHT SEND BILL FOR "SERVICES"--APPARENTLY FOR TWO HELICOPTER FLIGHTS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN RETRIEVING OBJECT.

3. EMBOFF ASSURED INSPECTOR THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES; WE WOULD HAVE TO INQUIRE OF USN AS TO POSSIBILITIES. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PROCEED. SHOULD POLICE FORWARD ANY SORT OF BILL THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE, WE

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WOULD BE FACED WITH AWKWARD SITUATION. UNFORTUNATELY, WE

CANNOT EVEN GUESS AS TO WHAT AMOUNTS MIGHT BE INVOLVED
(OTHER THAN THAT OF SUGGESTED "REWARD").

4. REQUEST NAVY PROVIDE FISCAL DATA TO COVER SHIPPING
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